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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT AND FIND THAT IT ADDRESSES WELL, IF SOMEWHAT BLANDLY, THE CONCERNS WHICH WE ANTICIPATE WILL BE MAIN TOPICS DISCUSSED BY ASSEMBLED MINISTERS. THE PROGRAM IT ENDORSES FOR AG COMMITTEE IS ACCEPTABLE AS FAR AS IT GOES BUT WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE MORE SPECIFIC AND, AS ONE ADDED IDEA, GIVE SUPPORT TO COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSAL ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN 1975.

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2. IN PARA 2 WE ARE PLEASED BY REFERENCE TO STOCKHOLDING BUT BELIEVE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD USE PHASE "ESTABLISH SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY HELD STOCKS" INSTEAD OF JUST 'MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STOCKS FOR FOOD SECURITY' AND SHOULD NOTE PRINCIPLE THAT BURDEN OF HOLDING OF SECURITY STOCKS AND HANDLING OF STOCK ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE BORNE EQUITABLY BY ALL OECD

MEMBERS TO HELP REDUCE MARKET DISRUPTION IN GRAIN TRADE.

3. LAST SENTENCE PARA 6 WOULD BETTER READ "OECD SHOULD ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL FOOD POLICY AND

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4. REGARDING STUDY SUGGESTED PARA 7 WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE DESCRIBED AS AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE INTERACTION OF (1) MEMBER COUNTRY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS (2) THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF LDCA AND (3) TRENDS IN THEIR FOOD PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES. WE THUS FORESEE THAT STUDY WOULD EXAMINE THE APPROPRIATENESS OF CURRENT DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE BETWEEN VARIOUS REGION AND BETWEEN TYPES OF ASSISTANCE, E.G. FOOD AID AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURE. IT WOULD ALSO SEEK BASIS FOR BETTER HARMONIZATION BETWEEN VARIOUS BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS. VANCE

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